**COMMENDATION
  
for an Order of the Red Banner**

**Name:** Dmitry Malakhovich Tsirubin.

**Rank:** Guards major.

**Position, Unit:** assistant commander of 3rd Tank Battalion, 15th Guards Rechitsa Order of the Red Banner Tank Brigade.

**Date of birth:** 1916.

**Nationality:** Belorussian.

**Communist Party membership:** Member since 1939.

**Participation in the Civil War, further hostilities during the defense of the USSR, and the Patriotic War:** Participated in the war against Finland, 1939-1940. Participated in the Patriotic War. Fronts: Southern, since 1941; Central, since 1942; Bryansk, 1943; 1st Belorussian, since 1944.

**Service in the Red Army:** Since 1937.

**Wounds:** None.

**Prior awards:** Medal for Valor, 05/01/1940.

**Short factual description of the military feats or achievement**

During the fights for the cities of Bobruysk and Minsk Guards Major Tsirubin displayed bravery, valor, and ability to command a battalion in combat. On 06/28/1944 during the fight for Bobruysk comrade Tsirubin's tank was the first to storm into the city.

He then assumed command over a tank battalion as combat conditions required. On 07/01/1944 during an extremely bitter fight in the area of the village of Tal'ka Guards Major Tsirubin's battalion crossed the Svispoch River and after heavy fighting on the west bank drove the enemy back. The enemy flung 12 self-propelled guns, 10 tanks, and up to 3 company of submachine-gunners to push comrade Tsirubin's battalion back to the river. But due to comrade Tsirubin's personal bravery and leadership the battalion held the occupied position. When German submachine-gunners crawled close to our tanks comrade Tsirubin's courageous tank drivers eliminated them with [...] and submachine-gun fire. During this fight Guards Major Tsirubin personally knocked out two enemy tanks and eliminated nine Hitlerites.

He deserves to be awarded with an Order of the Red Banner for his bravery, valor, and skillful command over his battalion in combat.

Signed: Commander of 15th Guards Rechitsa Order of the Red Banner Tank Brigade Guards Colonel Kozhanov

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Deserves to be awarded with an Order of the Red Banner.

Signed: Commander of 1st Don Order of the Red Banner, Order of Suvorov Tank Corps Tank Corps Guards Major General Panov

07/15/1944